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Environmental trio stands guard at NSC

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While everyone has a responsibility to protect the environment, there are three people who spend nearly all their time overseeing environmental concerns at the Naval Supply Center, Norfolk. They are Vera Wang, Jim Steinberg and William "Butch" Hogge.

As NSC's new, full-time environmental coordinator, Vera Wang is tasked with setting up a strong, comprehensive environmental program for the entire center. In the post since August 1990, her job requires her to become familiar with NSC's every environmental aspect, from the major fuel storage to the storage, use and disposal of everyday chemicals. Even with the help of the environmental command quality board, which she heads, the task is awesome.

"There is much to do at NSC," commented Wang. "I've only just begun to learn all I need to know about such a large command. Setting up the environmental program promises to be quite a challenge."

A native of Brazil, Vera left home when she was 23 to study in the United States. She now holds a bachelor's degree in industrial chemistry and a master's in biochemistry from Florida State University. She began working at the University of Colorado as a research assistant and, in 1978, made her way to Hampton Roads. She continued her research assistant work at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk and later became a laboratory specialist at Old Dominion University.

Leaving the world of academia, Wang began her federal career at the Navy Medical Clinic in the field of industrial hygiene, and before long, ended up at NSC.

Science plays a major part in Wang's life as evidenced by her marriage to an atmospheric research scientist. They have three children, ages



Brief respite

William "Butch" Hogge, spends a rare moment at his desk. Between his electrical and environmental duties, most of his time is spent outdoors at the Naval

Supply Center's Cheatham Annex where he has worked for 15 years. (Photo by Gerri Young)